

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2762

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 6, 1985

Application of DIRECT SERVICES,)
INC., for Special Authorization to)
Conduct Charter Operations Pursuant)
to Contract with the U.S. Depart-)
ment of Commerce, National Oceanic)
and Atmospheric Administration)

Case No. CP-85-11

By application filed September 4, 1985, Direct Services, Inc., ("DSI" or "applicant"), seeks authority pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 to transport employees of the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA"), together with mail, express and baggage in the same vehicle with passengers, in charter operations pursuant to a contract with NOAA.

Applicant would operate a complex system of scheduled shuttle services, transporting passengers, mail, and packages among the following locations in Washington, D.C. and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland;

1. Agriculture - S. Building, 14th and Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC
2. Federal Bldg. 3 - Suitland and Silver Hill Roads, Suitland, MD
3. Federal Bldg. 4 - Suitland and Silver Hill Roads, Suitland, MD
4. Gramax - 8060 - 13th Street, Silver Spring, MD
5. Herbert C. Hoover - 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.
6. National Museum of Natural History - 10th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC
7. North Bethesda Office Center - NBOC-1, 11420 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD
8. North Bethesda Office Center - NBOC-6, 11426 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD

9. Page Bldg. 1 - 2001 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC
10. Page Bldg. 2 - 3300 Whitehaven Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.
11. Riverdale - 6501 Lafayette Avenue, Riverdale, MD
12. Rockwall Bldg. - 11400 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD
13. Suitland House - Suitland and Silver Hill Roads, Suitland, MD
14. Suitland Professional Center - 5001 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD
15. Washington Science Center - WSC-1, 6001 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD
16. Washington Science Center - WSC-2, 6015 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD
17. Washington Science Center - WSC-4, 6009 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD
18. Washington Science Center - WSC-5, 6010 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD
19. Wilkins - 12227 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD
20. World Weather Bldg. - 5200 Auth Road, Camp Springs, MD

Detailed routes and schedules are set forth in the application, which is available for inspection at the office of the Commission.

By its terms, the contract extends from October 1, 1985, to September 30, 1986. The contract, including certain non-passenger transportation, would generate revenues of about \$754 a day.

Although DSI has provided an equipment list of its vehicles, it advises that it has negotiated for, and is about to take delivery of, five new vans to provide this service. The vans will be equipped with air-conditioning and two-way radios. DSI will also provide radio-dispatched back-up equipment in the event of a breakdown.

Applicant has submitted a complete set of current financial statements, but it has not filed projections of revenues and expenses for the proposed operation. It will be required to do so.

Although the contract has not yet been executed, NOAA has provided a notarized letter of intent to enter into the agreement with DSI through the U.S. Small Business Administration's 8(a) program. The filing of an executed contract will be required.

Finally, applicant will be required to submit a notarized statement from the contracting government agency as required by Regulation No. 70-04.

Inasmuch as a contract has been executed for the transportation of employees pursuant to contract with their employer between points within the Metropolitan District for a period in excess of 181 days, the application appears amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. */ Consequently, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn, and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

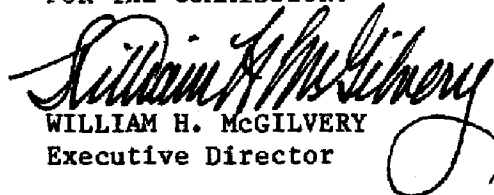
1. That Direct Services, Inc., publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Tuesday, September 10, 1985.

2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Friday, September 20, 1985.

3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Friday, September 20, 1985, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on applicant, Benjamin Fernandez, President, Direct Services, Inc., 6310-C Gravel Avenue, Fleet Industrial Park, Alexandria, VA 22310.

4. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than Friday, September 20, 1985, an original and four copies of (a) its income and expense projections for the proposed service, and (b) the notarized statement from the contracting government agency required by Regulation 70-04.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

*/ See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979.

